



Our approach for the year ahead

We know that the country's difficult financial situation is set to continue and that we need to manage our finances and services with careful consideration for the needs of East Sussex. We have made some difficult choices and are on track to save £19 million in 2012-13, with plans to save a further £60 million in the three years from 2013-16.

Our approach has been to save on back office functions and keep resources in frontline services as far as possible while ensuring that we do not increase our council tax requirement for 2013-14. Council tax for East Sussex County Council has remained at the same level for the last three years. We will use our £379.6 million revenue budget 2013-14 and our ambitious capital programme of £417.4 million 2013-18 to provide the services and long term improvements that will deliver our promise and support the needs of our residents.

Our promise

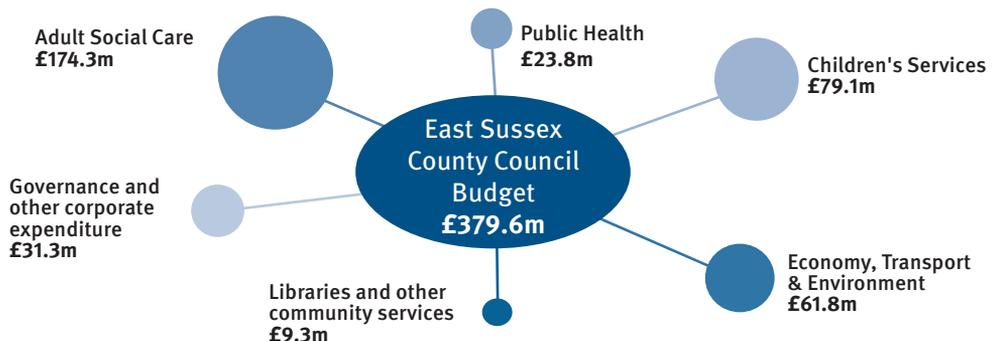
We will, in partnership, make the best use of resources to:

- help make East Sussex prosperous and safe;
- support the most vulnerable people;
- improve and develop roads and infrastructure;
- encourage personal and community responsibility;
- deliver the lowest possible council tax; and
- be a voice for East Sussex, listening and answering to local people.

Programme for growth

Our capital programme has the potential to add £1.65 billion to the county's economy over the next 25 years with each £1 spent generating £3.40 in value. Major investments are planned that will unlock private investment in business and in housing.

How the revenue budget for 2013-14 will be spent



Our priorities for 2013-14

Our responsibility is not only to balance our budget, but to use it to play our part in helping East Sussex become more prosperous, while protecting the most vulnerable, and supporting everyone to live well and realise their potential. We are, therefore, determined to focus on delivering our four overarching priorities.

Driving economic growth

Creating the environment and infrastructure business needs, using the Council's resources to support the local economy and ensuring local people have the skills they need to take advantage of the opportunities available. This work includes:

- completing the Bexhill to Hastings Link Road;
- extending superfast broadband;
- keeping our roads in good condition;
- helping to improve performance in schools.

Keeping vulnerable people safe from harm

Protecting people at risk from harm and neglect, and intervening earlier to improve difficult situations for individuals, families and communities. This work includes:

- keeping vulnerable people and their carers safe from harm and neglect;
- ensuring fewer accidents on our roads;
- responding effectively to the risk of domestic abuse and anti-social behaviour;
- improving outcomes for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Supporting individuals and families to live independently

Providing people with the support they need to help themselves. We aim to deliver better results for local people and reduce the need for more expensive services. This work includes:

- helping the most vulnerable families to cope with problems and stay together;
- supporting older people to stay independent;
- helping people to improve their health and wellbeing;
- helping vulnerable young people to stay in education, employment or training.

Making the best use of our resources

Working with partners to ensure the best use of all public resources. We will ensure high quality value for money services, reduce demand for services and focus on communities. This work includes:

- increasing volunteer and social enterprise opportunities;
- providing more services online and from libraries;
- maximising the value from household waste materials;
- working with others, including the South East Seven (SE7) partnership, to improve services and save money.

You can find out more about the work we will be doing over the next three years in our Council Plan, which will be published on our website at the end of March, along with full details of our budget for the year ahead. Go to eastsussex.gov.uk/councilplan

Our Budget

This year sees an unprecedented level of change in the way local government is financed. Local authorities now retain a share of locally raised business rates, giving them a stake in boosting their local economies. At the same time, national council tax benefit has been replaced with local council tax support schemes.

Net service expenditure reduces for the £16.8 million savings planned for next year. Service area expenditure planning has been exclusive of new Public Health responsibilities, which are

funded by a dedicated grant from the Department of Health. The overall net budget requirement of the council remains more static as grant income for a number of major social care and children's services schemes is transferred to mainstream government funding.

Finances have been managed so that there is no increase in council tax (Band D £1,158.30). Therefore the County Council will claim council tax freeze grant amounting to £2.4 million in both 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Why our spending has changed

The tables below show the changes in gross expenditure between 2012-13 and 2013-14.

	£m	£m
Gross spend 2012-13 (like for like)		852.5
Service Funding		
Increase in fees and charges income	1.9	
Overall change in Government grants	-30.5	
Other income	-1.3	
Internal funding	-6.9	
Sub total		-36.8
Savings Requirement		
Unavoidable additional service spend	5.2	
Savings	-22.0	
Sub total		-16.8
Corporate spend		
New Capital Finance	-1.0	
Treasury Management	4.7	
Inflation & Price Changes	5.0	
Funding Risks & Future Uncertainties	4.8	
Sub total		13.5
Gross spend 2013-14		812.4

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Service Area Spending Plans

(like for like)	2012-13	2013-14
	£m	£m
Older People	62.4	57.9
Working Age Adults	73.9	70.2
Universal Services	46.6	46.2
Adult Social Care	182.9	174.3
<i>Change</i>		-8.6
SEN and Disability	10.4	10.7
Children's Social Care	41.4	39.7
Learning & Schools	30.1	28.7
Effectiveness		
Children's Services	81.9	79.1
<i>Change</i>		-2.8
Economy	1.7	1.5
Transport	30.1	28.9
Environment	33.4	31.4
Economy, Transport & Environment	65.2	61.8
<i>Change</i>		-3.4
Community Services	9.5	9.3
<i>Change</i>		-0.2
Corporate Governance	3.3	3.2
Corporate Support Services	10.3	8.6
Governance & Corporate Services	13.6	11.8
<i>Change</i>		-1.8
Net Service Spend for Spending Plans	353.1	336.3
<i>Change</i>		-16.8
Public Health	23.8	23.8
Net Service Spend Total	376.9	360.1

Our budget	2012-13	2013-14	Change	
	(like for like) see note 1			
	£ millions	£ millions	£ millions	%
Gross service spend	809.6	756.0	-53.6	-6.6%
Less: Fees and charges income	-54.7	-56.6		
Specific Government grants	-326.6	-296.1		
Other income	-44.5	-43.2		
Internal funding	-6.9	0.0		
Service income	-432.7	-395.9	36.8	-8.5%
Net service spend total (see note 2)	376.9	360.1	-16.8	-4.5%
Corporate spend				
New Capital Finance	6.1	5.1		
Treasury management (see note 3)	36.3	41.0		
Inflation and price changes	0.0	5.0		
Funding risks and future uncertainties	0.0	4.8		
Levies (see note 4)	0.5	0.5		
Less: Corporate grants	-36.4	-36.9		
Corporate spend total	6.5	19.5		
Net budget requirement (see note 5)	383.4	379.6	-3.8	-1.0%
Made up of:				
Total Gross Spend	852.5	812.4		
Total Income	-469.1	-432.8		
	383.4	379.6		
Less: Formula Grant	-114.5			
Changes in Government funding (see note 1)	-57.2			
Local Government Finance Settlement	-171.7	-164.1		
Council tax collection fund	-1.1	-1.9		
Funding other than council tax	-172.8	-166.0	6.8	-3.9%
Council tax requirement	210.6	213.6	3.0	1.4%
Taxbase	181,812	184,394		
Band D council tax	£1,158.30	£1,158.30		

Note 1: Last year's budget has been re-presented to allow comparison with the new local government funding arrangements, including localised council tax support schemes.

Note 2: The Council plans its service spending according to "service area spending plans", details in the table overleaf.

Note 3: Treasury management is the yearly cost of borrowing and other contributions to pay for certain major building projects.

Note 4: The council pays levies to certain other bodies:
 £301,000 to Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA);
 £136,000 to the Environment Agency (for flood defence);
 £76,000 to Ashdown Forest Conservators;
 £513,000 in total.

Note 5: In addition to the table above, the Council will use £24.5million of reserves to meet the cost of transformation, to fund services before the benefits of transformation are realised, and to meet the costs of other specific projects.